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1911.—By the action of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, approved April 1, 1911, the appropriations for the State Library and Historical Department were increased to their present status—to the great relief of all three departments. The Law Department and Legislative Reference Bureau together were given \$6,000. The Miscellaneous, or General, Library was given \$6,000, and the Historical Department the same amount. Theretofore, the three departments were together allowed \$14,000; the Law, \$4,000; the General Library, \$5,000; the Historical Department, \$5,000.

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GENERAL W. DUANE WILSON.—We had occasion to state some weeks since that the report of General W. Duane Wilson, Secretary of the State Agricultural College, would be found to contain a vast amount of practical information for our farmers. Since the publication of that notice the reports have been distributed to a considerable extent, and they have been received by the people with the most flattering attention. It is due to Secretary Wilson to say that, since he was appointed in 1858 to the position which he now occupies he has labored intelligently and devotedly in his office, his labors have been untiring. He has been active and liberal in the distribution of seeds. He has won many friends by the intelligent interest which he takes in agriculture, and by his genial and accommodating manners.—*Daily State Register*, Des Moines, March 27, 1862.

Doctor Witter, surgeon of the Seventh Iowa Regiment, fancied in the delirium of his last moments that he was on the battlefield, and exhorted the soldiers who he imagined were in his presence to deeds of heroism for their country. A good man has gone, but his memory will live with the freshness of immortality.—*Daily State Register*, Des Moines, March 27, 1862.

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